



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Situation Report

#### Severe Storms

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#### SUMMARY

A cold frontal boundary collided with moisture streaming in from the Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, this caused a line of thunderstorms followed by freezing rain and sleet. This storm moved across Missouri early Sunday morning. In some areas the freezing rain is predicted to be up to an inch and an inch and half before the first part of the storm transition. The worst part of the storm is along the U.S. 54 corridor, from Nevada to Louisiana, Missouri. No one has been reported killed, but one Missourian in Lamar was injured when a tree fell on him. A Missouri State Highway Patrolman from Troop A (Lee's Summit District) received minor injuries in working an accident. SEMA officials are monitoring the situation and will get further reports as daylight allows inspections. SEMA has received two requests for assistance at this time. **SEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center to Level Two at noon today.**

Ameren officials report, about **42,586** customers in Missouri are without power primarily north of a line from Jefferson City – St. Charles, Missouri. Aquilla (Kansas City) reports only about **300** customers around Nevada are without power. **Empire Electric reports 35,000 without power primarily in Joplin and/or north of I-44.** There are outages throughout the central, southwest and northeast portion of the State. Missouri Electric Cooperative Association reports only one Coop that has requested help, but they are putting crews in Arkansas and Louisiana on standby to come to Missouri. **Statewide 32,000 to 34,000 without power. Currently being able to use local and Missouri based crews in restoring power.** The Missouri Public Service Commission is monitoring the situation and is sending a representative to the State EOC. Relief power crews are being given priority by MoDOT and Missouri State Highway Patrol.

#### County Reports:

**Barry County** – Receiving rain, temperatures too high for freezing.

**Barton County** – One person injured in tree falling on him in Lamar. Two homes sustained fire damage. Shelter opened at Memorial Hall in Lamar, **but lost power. Shelterees are being transferred to the National Guard Armory. Water and meals are moving toward Barton County to assist shelter operations.**

**Benton County** – **2,000** customers without power. **Emergency Shelter will be opened at the community center.**

**Boone County** – **Widespread outages in Southern Boone County. Plans to open a warming shelter in Ashland are being made.**

**Callaway County** – Power is down throughout the county and City of Fulton. No shelters open at this time. EOC is on standby. **Holts Summit has opened a warming shelter. City of Fulton will be without power until tomorrow (Monday) night.**

**Cedar County** – Power is down throughout the county. Southwestern part of the county hit the hardest. No shelters at this time.

**Cole County - Power outages throughout the County. City of Jefferson with a lot of customers without power. One shelter opened and two on standby. 25% of the area are without power.**

**Dent County – Heavy rains at this time.**

**Gasconade County – South and central parts of the County has ice. Northern part has about a ¼ inch accumulation. Sporadic power outages reported in the Morrison Area. No shelters at this time.**

**Greene County—** Receiving rain, temperatures too high for freezing.

**Howard County - No reports of power outages. Roads are slick – one minor traffic accident and one serious.**

**Jasper County** - Extent of precipitation is primarily in the north section of the county. Ice on trees and power lines. Joplin is power is still up, but there are some spotty outages. Power lines are being monitored. It was reported that Joplin Airport was without power. **Joplin Airport has had their power restored in the administration building, but landing lights are out. Webb City has a nursing home with power issues.**

**Lincoln County – 5,000 people without power. Three shelters are open. One additional may be opened. Requested generators for all of the shelters.**

**Miller County – Power is out for most of the City of Eldon and Olean with approximately 3,500 out. One shelter open in Eldon and another one is expected to be open by American Red Cross.**

**Montgomery County** – EMD reports that there are power outages throughout his county. One nursing home is without power and their generator is not working. They are requesting a generator for this nursing home. They are taking temporary steps to getting heat into the building. **Additional information includes a second nursing home is without electricity. I-70 is still closed because of power line impeding the roadway.**

**Moniteau County - Most of the City of California is without power. Two nursing homes with power issues. City may open shelters this evening.**

**Osage County – Power outages in Bonnets Mill, Westphalia, and Chamois. Shelter set up in Chamois.**

**Polk County** – Power outages throughout the county. Humansville is without power. Bolivar was receiving just rain at the time of their report.

**Pulaski County – Heavy rains at this time, some icing expecting around midnight**

**Saint Charles County - Level one activation they are expecting problems to be in the western and northern portion of the County. Ice is starting to form on vegetation in and around the Wentzville/Wright City area. 5,000 people without power. No requests for sheltering. Most of the outages is around the Wentzville area.**

**Stone County - Just Rain**

**Taney County – Just Rain**

**Warren County - EOC is activated at Level one and they are monitoring the situation. 7,800 people without power. Two shelters open.**

**Webster County – Starting to see ice on trees in the north part of the County.**

**Wright County – Heavy rains at this time.**

### **Weather**

National Weather Service forecast calls for this storm to move slowly along the U.S. 54 Corridor from southwest to the northeast. Troop D (Springfield) is to see rain/freezing rain until noon or a little thereafter, then Troop F (Jefferson City) and then Troops C and B (St. Louis and Macon, respectively). This storm pattern should continue through until Monday night/Tuesday Morning. **NWS Springfield has revised their forecast to increase the amount of precipitation that the State of Missouri will receive. They are expecting an additional ½ inch to ¾ inch of ice (freezing rain) along a line 50 miles either side of line from Anderson, Missouri to Springfield, Missouri and along I-44 to Rolla and eastward. Another storm is expected on Monday, with the last of this series of storm leaving Missouri on Tuesday Morning in the west and Tuesday Afternoon in the east portion of the State.**

**SEOC Activated** to Level **Two** and will be filling requests and supporting local jurisdictions.

### **State Agencies**

**DHSS – Health and Senior Services have not received any request at this time, but have activated their Disaster Situation Room. The DSR has been activated around the clock.**

**DSS – Representative is on the way to the EOC to handle human services request. Working with private partners in setting up sheltering throughout the State.**

**MoDOT – Department of Transportation reports all roads are passable after a wreck on I-70 between Columbia and Kingdom City, Missouri. They have activated all their Districts with the exception of Willow Springs and Sikeston. Their Central Office EOC is activation. I-70 was returned to service at 1430 hours after a railroad power line was removed. U.S. 54 in Jefferson City will be re-opened at 0500 hours tomorrow morning, but may have some width restrictions.**

**Missouri State Highway Patrol – Minor injury of trooper in Troop A. No problems reported in Troop I (Rolla). Troop C has activated their reserve call up. Troop F reports several routes blocked by trees, but MoDOT is responding to each and cleaning them up as rapidly as possible.**

**Missouri Information Analysis Center – Is up and operating and providing situational awareness to SEMA**

**Office of Administration - Representatives are at the EOC and responding to requests.**

### **Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:**

**American Red Cross is assisting sheltering operations throughout the State of Missouri.**

**Salvation Army – Working on Lincoln County Shelters and also Jasper County shelters**

**AmeriCorps are standing sending people to assist at the State EOC. They are putting together strike teams to assist communities in debris clearance. They are also setting up a help line 888-377-2100.**

**Emergency calls for warming centers and to get assistance and special needs as well – please call 888-377-2100. This number is also good for donations.**

**Missouri Assn of Rural Electric Cooperatives is working with member organizations on rural power restoration.**

**Point of Contact:**

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.